

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title "Bitumen Composition" and before line 1, insert the following priority claim:

---The present application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage filing of PCT/EP2003/050707 filed October 10, 2003 claiming priority from European patent application 02292520.0 filed October 11, 2002, hereby incorporated by reference.---

On page 1, above line 1, but after the above priority claim, insert:

---Field of the Invention---

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 28-32, as follows:

---A wide variety of elastomers may be used in the bitumen composition of the present invention. Examples of elastomers that may be conveniently used include polyesters, polyacrylates, polysulphides, ~~polysilicones~~ polysilicones and polyesteramides that show elastomer ~~behaviour~~ behavior .---

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 14-27, as follows:

---The bitumen composition of the present invention may optionally contain one or more fillers (v). The amount of filler may be up to ~~up to~~ 70 % wt based on total composition. Preferably, the amount of filler, when present, is in the range of from 15 to 60 % wt, more preferably 25 to 50 % wt, based on total composition. The filler may be inorganic or organic in nature. Examples of fillers that may be conveniently used include chalk, limestone, unbaked powdered gypsum, talcum, fly ash, coal combustion waste, pigments such as titanium dioxide, iron oxide, chromium oxide, diatomaceous earth and other clays, quartz flour, calcium carbonate and fumed silica. A filler which has been found to give very good results in the present invention is calcium carbonate filler.---

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 7-14, as follows:

---To compare directly the curing performance of a composition according to the invention with a composition comprising 1,1,1-trichloroethane as solvent, two further compositions were prepared in an analogous manner to that described for Examples 1 to 6. The compositions were applied to bricks and curing monitored in dry conditions and under water, including periodic weighing of samples to ~~asses~~ assess solvent loss.---

On page 18 , after "C L A I M S" and before claim 1, line 1, insert:

---WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:---